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Dear Sir/Madam

REFERENCE: MC/25/1075
PROPOSAL: Details pursuant to condition 40 (biodiversity enhancements) on planning permission MC/20/3237 for full planning permission for the change of use and conversion of Mountbatten House to provide 108 apartments together with the construction of a 12 storey extension to provide a further 56 apartments with 3 no. flexible commercial floor space at ground floor level, following demolition of the access ramps to/from the former bus station. Change of use and conversion of former bus station to provide car parking for the residential units. Change of use of part of the third-floor level roof area of Mountbatten House to provide residential facilities (waste and recycling), cycle parking. Construction of rooftop restaurant on Mountbatten House together with public and residential roof gardens. The construction of a feature entrance to the Pentagon Shopping Centre. Construction/installation of pop-up containers for shops, kiosks and cafe outlets in the lower level of the former bus station facing the new public square. Installation of flag/banner facade to taxi rank and former bus station fronting The Brook. Public realm and landscaping works including provision of a public square.
LOCATION: Mountbatten House, 28 Military Road, Chatham

I refer to your application form received 27 May 2025 and to the associated documents as amplified by your letter of 23 June 2025 and the accompanying landscaping details which have been submitted pursuant to the requirements of condition 40 as set out on decision notice MC/20/3237. In response to the submissions, I can offer the following comments:

Condition 40 – Biodiversity enhancements

Details are given in your covering letter of 22 May 2025 and the Biodiversity Enhancement Plan by CGO Ecology Ltd dated 6th May 2025 received 27 May 2025.

These details are considered acceptable to enhance biodiversity of the site with regard to Policy BNE39 of the Medway Local Plan 2003. **This condition is therefore discharged**. In order to fully comply with the condition, the approved details shall be implemented and thereafter retained.

The developer is reminded of the need to comply with all conditions of the planning permission.

Yours faithfully

Mary Smith
Senior Planner